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REMARKS:

Applicants and Applicants' attorney thank Examiner Kramer for the interviews February 24, 2006 and June 8, 2006. The special attention the Examiner paid to the instant application is noted with appreciation. During the interview on February 24, 2006, the Examiner raised four concerns as noted in the Interview Summary dated March 1, 2006. During the interview on June 8, 2006, a response was provided regarding the four concerns of the Examiner, as indicated below.

Q1: In Claim 1, what is use information?

A1: Use information is information regarding a product to be colored. The use information may include use of the product (for example, shopping bag, vehicle interior, vehicle exterior, home electrical components, power lines, home accessories, and so on), method for producing the product, types of resin for producing the product, dye or pigment which can be used for the product, and so on.

Q2: In Claim 1, what is being designated by the user?

A2: The user designates at least one kind or specified range in requirements included in the use information. For example, the user can designate use of the product, method for producing the

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product, types of resin for producing the product, dye or pigment to be used for the product, and so on.

Q3: How does the use information relate to the designated information?

A3: The use information is used for restricting the scope of selection displayed on the condition-designating screen to the scope operable for the user. Therefore, the user can input the designated information by selecting a specified range included in the use information, and thus, designation of the requirements and the types of resin and dye or pigment can be performed easily.

Q4: On page 14, lines 5-11 of the specification, do the two sentences from this section contradict themselves?

A4: The first sentence is the explanation for the case where a new customer accesses to the server for the first time and use information of the customer has not been stored in the server. The second sentence is the explanation for the case where a registered customer accesses to the server and use information has been stored already in the server. Therefore, the two sentences do not contradict themselves.

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In view of the aforementioned remarks, all claims currently pending are respectfully believed to be in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time, and any other fees which may be due now or in the future with respect to this application, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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